

OPINION 1022

CTENODONTA ELONGATA SALTER, 1873 (MOLLUSCA, BIVALVIA):
SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *elongata* Salter, 1873 as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta elongata* is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *menapiensis* Hicks, 1873, as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta menapiensis* (Name No. 2530);

(b) *cambriensis* Hicks, 1873 as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta cambriensis* (Name No. 2531).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *elongata* Salter, 1873, as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta elongata* (Name No. 995);

(b) *rotunda* Salter, 1873, as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta rotunda* (a nomen nudum) (Name No. 996);

(c) *rotunda* Hicks, 1873, as published in the binomen *Ctenodonta rotunda* (unavailable under Article 11(d)) (Name No. 997).

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1945)

The present application was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. R. M. Carter on 18 November 1970. The application was sent to the printer on 8 July 1971 and was published on 8 December 1971 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **28** : 102–103. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184) and to two palaeontological serials. The application was supported by John Pojeta, Jr. and a comment by Dr. Lemche was published in *Bull.* **29** : 64.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 28 November 1973 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (73)13 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **28** : 103 and as modified by those in *Bull.* **29** : 64. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 28 February 1974 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Holthuis, Lemche, Mayr, Vokes, Tortonese, Willink, Sabrosky, Jaczewski, Melville, Eisenmann, Habe, Binder, Alvarado, Rohdendorf, Bayer, Nye, Bernardi, Ride, Kraus.

Negative votes—none (0).

Abstentions—one (1): Heppell.

On Leave of Absence—one (1): Simpson.

Voting papers not returned—four (4): Brinck, Munroe, Starobogatov, Dupuis.

Dr. John Corliss returned a late affirmative vote and in returning his Voting Paper after the closing date Prof. Dr. Erben did not indicate for or against the proposals but stated that he was in agreement with Dr. Lemche. In returning his voting paper Mr. David Heppell made the following comment (26.ii.1974): "I vote for proposals (1) and (3)(a), (b), (c) as modified by Dr. Lemche, but against his proposals (2)(a), (b) as I believe this is a case where possible reidentification or synonymy might be prejudiced by the addition of the current names to the Official List. This action seems to be rendered unnecessary by the suppression of the names which threatened those in present use".

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on the Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in this Opinion:

camabriensis, *Ctenodonta*, Hicks, 1873, *Q. Jl geol. Soc. Lond.* 29 : 47
elongata, *Ctenodonta*, Salter, 1873, *A catalogue of the Cambrian and Silurian fossils contained in the Geological Museum of Cambridge*, Cambridge: 24
menapiensis, *Ctenodonta*, Hicks, 1873, *Q. Jl geol. Soc. Lond.* 29 : 47
rotunda, *Ctenodonta* Hicks, 1873, *Q. Jl geol. Soc. Lond.* 29 : 47
rotunda, *Ctenodonta* Salter, 1873, *A catalogue of the Cambrian and Silurian fossils contained in the Geological Museum of Cambridge*, Cambridge: 24

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (73)13 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1022.

R. V. MELVILLE
Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

15 March 1974